



Decision Notice
Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Range

August 5, 2011

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposal to grant \$10,986.73 to the Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Club to make range safety and handicapped access improvements on the range. The range is located near the city of Hamilton, Montana approximately 45 miles south of Missoula.

Legal notice of the Whittecar Rifle and Pistol Range EA was published once each in the *Independent Record* (Helena, July 6), *Missoulian* (July 6) and *Ravalli Republic* (Hamilton, July 7) newspapers. FWP issued a statewide news release regarding this proposal and its EA on July 1. FWP mailed 9 copies of the EA (and approximately 28 email notifications of the EA's availability) to adjacent landowners and interested individuals, groups and agencies. The EA was available for public review on FWP's web site (<http://fwp.mt.gov/>, "Recent Public Notices") from July 1 through August 1, 2011.

Public Comments: FWP received eight comments that all supported alternative A: provide Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Club with a grant to implement an on-going multi-year range, safety, and handicapped access improvement program.

Based on public comments and internal review, the Draft EA will be adopted as the Final EA. This Decision Notice and the Final EA will serve as the final documents pertaining to this action. Funding for this project will be granted by FWP pending the completion of other administrative requirements by Whittecar Rifle & Pistol Club as required by the Shooting Range Development Program.

Sincerely,
Signature on file

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